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Family Day at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, February 20, included a Bird-Banding session with birder Nigel Shaw - and an opportunity to get up-close and personal with a Black-capped Chickadee.

A day for Family

Many were initially lukewarm to the idea of a "Family Day" Holiday in February. It seemed somewhat artificial, a holiday designed to be inoffensive and all-inclusive.

But Family Day has really caught on. It has become a day for families to enjoy activities together - whether

a trip to Toronto to the Royal Ontario Museum, or a day bird-banding and kick-sledding at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

Families grabbed their toboggans and borrowed snowshoes at the Simcoe County Museum, and tried their hand at geocaching - a kind

of scavenger hunt using GPS and orienteering skills.

They donned skates, and headed to the frozen beaver pond at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation, or went kick-sledding on winding forest trails. And they brought their skates to

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Crime concerns unite new subdivision in Bradford

A rash of day-time break-ins in the Summerlyn Village Subdivision prompted Ward Councillor Raj Sandhu to ask for a special public meeting with Acting Chief of Police Al Cheesman and South Simcoe Police.

"Lots of calls were coming in, and on Facebook," from residents worried about safety, protection of property, and whether or not the thieves were targeting Bradford's East Asian population, Sandhu said.

Approximately 80 residents turned out for the meeting with Police, held Feb. 16 at the new Bradford Library. Acting Chief Cheesman presented an overview for residents; based on reports, there were 2 break-ins in the subdivision in January, 2 in February - but a whopping 6 in November.

There are some commonalities between all of them," said Det. Cam Shields, of the Street Crime Unit. All of the homes were empty at the time of the daytime break-ins, the owners away from home. In all cases, thieves

were taking in the front door.

"They are targeting the new areas in Bradford" - probably because in newer subdivisions, people are less likely to know one another, or identify a strange vehicle, Det. Shields said. "Approximately 50% are targeting East Asian families."

Bradford isn't the only area dealing with this kind of break-in, he told the group. There have been 12 "very similar" break-ins in Newmarket, and the investigation is looking at whether this is a multi-jurisdictional problem.

So far there have been no arrests.

Asked if the thieves were targeting specific items, Shields said, "It has ranged. At the beginning, they were targeting mostly jewellery." More recent thefts have also taken electronics.

Talk then turned to prevention. "If you have gold, lock it up. Don't keep it in the master bedroom," Shields said. He advised residents to lock doors and windows, strengthen door locks, install an alarm system and make sure the alarm company

has an updated contact. If planning to go on vacation, ask a neighbour to park a vehicle in the driveway - and don't post the details on Facebook.

Acting Chief Cheesman noted that patrols in the subdivision have been stepped up. He asked residents to contact Police, not only to report break-ins, but also suspicious activity or vehicles, including those belonging to door-to-door salespeople. Police will respond, to ensure that they are bona fide sales reps.

"Call us - we'll come and talk to them," said Cheesman. "We can't do our job without the community. We do a better job with your help - your eyes, your ears, your observations." Most helpful to police? A vehicle description and licence plate number.

"At what point does it become annoying to you guys, for us to call you?" asked one resident. "At what point does it become a burden?"

"I'm going to tell you it isn't a burden - it's our job. We get paid a good wage to do a job," Acting Chief said. He acknowledged that if police

are very busy, they may not be able to respond right away, and may have to ask the caller to call back. "That's what we get paid for: I'm not going to say it's going to be top of the pile... It just might be your call that helps us."

"I would encourage all of you to walk across the street and introduce yourself. Get to know each other," said Councillor Carl Hordyk. "That alone should make a big difference."

South Simcoe Police have offered to arrange evenings on crime prevention and safety, and plan to hold a second Open Forum for the community in a month.

In the interim, residents can find a "Crime Prevention for your Home" package on the South Simcoe Police website, and a Home Security Audit Guide is available from the Ontario Government.

Det. Cameron Shields, cam.shields@southsimcoe.ca, can be reached at 905-778-2002.

"Prevention really is the best policy," the Acting Chief said.



Full house, at the Community Meeting on Policing, held Feb. 16 at the Bradford Public Library.

K-9 Unit Rescue

At about 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 19, South Simcoe Police were called to the Big Bay Point area, after a 49 year old woman wandered away from home.

The woman, who has a medical condition, was wearing only her pajamas. A search by patrol officers was unsuccessful, and the K-9 unit, of PC Joe Ferreri and Police Service Dog "Garan", was called in. Leaving from the last known location, Garan took only 25 minutes to locate the woman, approximately 1 km. away in a secluded area on the shores of Kempenfelt Bay. The woman was disoriented and suffering from hypothermia - but is recovering in hospital.

"I had our K-9 Unit not located this woman, the consequences would have been much more serious," said Acting Police Chief Al Cheesman. "I am very proud of all of the officers who were involved in this search."

3-vehicle collision

On Feb. 17, South Simcoe Police were called to a 3-vehicle collision on Shorecrest Dr., near County Rd. 4 (Yonge St.). An eastbound Ford Focus, driven by a 22 year old Innisfil woman, was stopped behind a GMC Pick-up truck, driven by a 58 year old Gifford woman, who was attempting to turn in to a gas station. A Ford pickup, driven by a 19 year old Bellefleur woman, slammed into the rear of the Focus, pushing it into the GMC. The 19 year old was charged with Careless Driving, and for a G-1 Licence holder, not accompanied by a qualified driver.

Thin Ice Alert!

York Regional Police are warning of thin and unstable ice on Lake Simcoe - after a truck carrying a family of 4 went through the ice on the lake near Franklin Beach, and a 15 year old snowmobiler broke through the ice on the Canal near Graham Sideroad, both on Feb. 20. Everyone was able to escape safely - although the truck remains nearly submerged in the lake.

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MP responds: Defending the changes to the OAS

By Peter Van Loon, MP York-Simcoe

The Conservative Government is committed to ensuring our seniors can rely on a secure retirement.

Last week's Times had an editorial from the Liberal Critic, suggesting we can ignore reality – the reality that the number of seniors will explode in future decades, and that they are living longer. He claims we need not make changes to protect our seniors' programs for future generations. Yet even he admits that the share that Old Age Security takes out of the economy will rise by one-third in 20 years without any changes.

If we follow his advice, the only way to maintain Old Age Security in the decades ahead will be punishing tax increases at that time.

A responsible government must plan for the future. We need to make changes to ensure future generations can count on the support they need when they retire decades from now. Our Government will be taking action now, to make our Old Age Security system sustainable in the medium and long term.

Many Canadians are asking what this means. For those already collecting Old Age Security, nothing will change. You will continue to receive the same benefits into the future.

Those who are approaching retirement in the near future will also see no change.

But for future generations, if we don't make plans and changes now, Old Age Security will not be there for them.

Canadians receive retirement income from a variety of sources, including private pensions, RRSPPs, the Canada Pension Plan, and Old Age Security (OAS).

The Canada Pension Plan is funded by premiums from each of our paycheques, and as a safe, secure and sustainable path. OAS is paid out of the taxes paid by the people working today. Unlike the Canada Pension Plan or Private Pensions, you don't "pay into" your Old Age Security.

As the baby boom works through the system and as people live longer, the costs of OAS will eventually become unsustainable, unless we act now. In

1975, there were 7 working taxpayers for every Senior; today there are only 4 working-age Canadians paying taxes to support each Senior. By 2030, the total number of seniors will nearly double. Amidst these changing demographics, the annual cost of the Old Age Security program is projected to increase from \$36 billion in 2010, to \$108 billion in 2030.

Most younger Canadians know well that, if changes are not made to OAS, it will not be there for them in the long-term. Many are pessimistic, having little expectation of Government support in the future. The post-baby boom generations are well aware of the demographic changes ahead, because the changes have already affected their lives profoundly, from the cost of education, to the range of employment opportunities available.

They have seen what happens in countries like Greece, where high government spending on costly social programs has led to high national debt and deficits. They know that ends in big tax increases, and the abrupt shock of the sudden elimination of benefits many were counting on to live.

By acting now, we can avoid that fate, and ensure a sustainable system to support our seniors for decades to come. And by acting today, instead of waiting for a crisis to arrive, we can ensure that nobody receiving benefits today will lose a penny that they expect.

Our Government is strongly committed to ensuring seniors have a secure retirement. That's why we've taken steps like:

- Introducing a new law to stop Pooled Registered Pension Plans.

- Allowing Pension Income splitting between spouses to reduce taxes.

- Delivered the largest increase in the Guaranteed Income Supplement in years.

- Increased the Age Credit.

- Increased the Age Exemption, to allow seniors to earn more tax-free.

While the Opposition parties have voted against all the above measures, we will continue to ensure seniors can count on the right mix of support and opportunities to ensure their retirement is secure, today and into the future.



Jamilee Smith of Aurora Hot Yoga leads the Fit for Heart Aerobation at the Magna Centre in Newmarket, February 11 - a fundraiser for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. A new Ananda Hot Yoga is opening in Bradford, at 450 Holland St. W., Feb. 29 from 4-6 p.m.

letters to the editor

Where's the accountability?

To the Editor: At the Feb. 7 Council meeting, a report addressed the financials of the Disserte/8thLine widening. The road is great now, apart from some misaligning of lanes, about 50 trees planted directly under hydro wires, and the difficulty for couriers to deliver packages to the homeowners whose properties were not expropriated.

The report states that "...there are still approximately 70% of the files that are open." The financial numbers have yet to be determined because of outstanding lawsuits. Council asked when they could expect a final report, and were told that there were many unresolved issues, which may not be settled within a 10 year timeframe.

Is it common practice to proceed with a project before all the property rights are acquired and the permits secured? Good planning results in a project being completed on time and on budget. The budget for this project, when first presented for Council approval and when the Town applied for stimulus funding, was approximately \$12 million. The May 11, 2010 Engineering Report 2010-21 states that Land Acquisition cost \$7.8 million. The December 6, 2011 Engineering Report 2011-62 states that the estimated final construction cost \$17.6 million. In addition, there are Engineering & Design costs, and the Environmental Assessment costs.

So far, the settled and firmed costs are around double what was first presented to Council at the time of project approval. What are the projected legal and land costs for 10 more years of negotiations for final settlement with expropriated landowners? In the private sector, when we embark on a project, we have to have a full report to our banks and our government on an annual basis. We have to be fiscally responsible, or we are shut down.

Surprisingly, not one single member of

Council questioned the 10 year reporting plan.

Miki Nanowski, Bradford

Thanks for Arena celebration

To the editor: I would like to thank all those that attended our celebrations to say goodbye to the Community Centre, and hello to our brand new Leisure Centre. It could not have been done without the help of Doug Lloyd, Alice Lloyd, and all the Bradfortians who put effort into finding these special people.

Thanks to the BWGMHA Executive for all of their help, especially to Jody Mott and Shannon Gardiner, who under tremendous last minute pressure made it all possible.

I have always been proud of where I live but the efforts of all these people have left a mark on my heart, as to how special a community Bradford truly is!

Paul Camenzuli, Pres. BWGMHA

Thank you from Mish

To the Bradford Community: I would like to apologize for the lateness of this letter. It has been a rough couple of weeks up here, as winter sets in.

Many of the materials that you helped purchase for our community have arrive and are in use in many of the classrooms around the school. They have made a definite difference in our ability to teach our students, especially with having materials in full class sets. Your support over the past few months has made a huge difference in our classrooms and the lives of our students.

I know that nothing we can do as good or mean as what you have done for our school and community. Please find enclosed some items from the Grade 6/7 class that I hope can put as big a smile on your face, as the smile on theirs because of your actions. Thank you.

**Brent Labine, Acting Principal
Missabay School, Mishkeegogamang**

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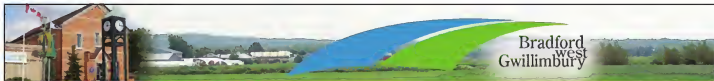
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For further information, please contact the Clerk's Department at (905) 775-5366.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole (after Council Meeting):

- Tues. Mar. 6/12 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. Mar. 20/12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Police Services Board

Mon. Mar. 26/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Frank Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

Library Board

Mon. Feb. 27/12 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

Committee of Adjustment

Wed. Mar. 28/12 @ 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E.

Housing for the Aging Population Committee

Wed. Mar. 21/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Frank Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

Municipal Facilities Committee

Tues. Mar. 13/12 @ 4:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room, 425 Holland St. W.

Active Transportation Committee

Thurs. Mar. 22/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road

Downstream Revitalization Committee

Wed. Mar. 7/12 @ 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Hall, 31 Frederick St.

Fire & Emergency Services Committee

Mon. Mar. 5/12 @ 4:00 p.m., Frank Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

Municipal Heritage Committee

Thurs. Feb. 23/12 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

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Owners of newly constructed homes may receive a tax bill for the value of the vacant lot only, until the home is assessed. Once the house is assessed, you will receive a supplementary/omitted tax bill for the taxes on the value of your home. This process may take up to 3 years and the taxes due will be retroactive to your date of occupancy. For an estimate of your annual taxes, multiply the purchase price of your home by the current tax rate (2011 tax rate was 0.01163399) or contact the Finance Department at 905-775-5303.

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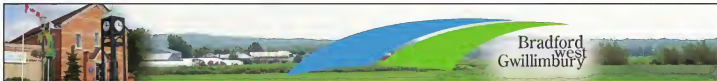
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South Simcoe Police Service Launches a new "Traffic Survey"

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To participate, please visit:

http://www.southsimcoepolice.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=219

Thank you for participating in our on-line survey.

Allan Cheesman
Acting Chief of Police

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR ROADWAYS WITHIN BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY COME INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2011

Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 94-047, Section 6.2 (e) as amended, is in force and effect, which does not permit parking on any Street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st of the following year, save and except for the following roads:

Holland Street West to Holland Court,
Holland Street East to Nelson Street
Simcoe Road South to Centre Street and
Barrie Street North to John Street.

Of which the no parking regulation will be between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Also be advised that the stopping of vehicles on Sidewalks within Bradford West Gwillimbury is prohibited.

Don't let a parking ticket ruin your day!

Transit Feasibility Study Complete

Please note that the Town has now completed its Transit Feasibility Study. The final report, including recommendations, will be available after February 27, 2012 on the Town's website under Hot Topics – Municipal Transit. A presentation and staff report will be made at the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 6, 2012. The Committee agenda and staff report will be available on the Town website as of Friday March 2, 2012. For further information please contact either of the following:

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Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury 2011 Drinking Water System Annual Report

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Engineering Services Department is pleased to announce that in accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03, the 2011 Drinking Water System Annual Report is available for review as of February 28, 2012. This report includes a brief outline of the Town's Drinking Water System, a list of system improvements, sampling and testing results. The report will be posted on the Town's website www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca in following path location: Town Services/Engineering Services/Water Wastewater/Water Reports, and made available upon request free of charge at the Engineering Services Department located at 100 Holland Court as of February 28, 2012. Viewing of hard copies of the report will be available during regular business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Department of Leisure Services Winter Programs

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Saturday afternoons - 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
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March Break Programs

March Break Happenings – March 12 - 16 (9:00 – 4:00)
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NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION WEST CANAL BANK ROAD

This Notice is to inform residents and business owners that West Canal Bank Road (King) from Highway 9 to S Side Road (BWG) may experience lane interruptions due to the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project.

Construction will commence on October 1, 2011 and continue in the area described above until further notice.

Construction hours remain from 7am to 7pm. Through traffic may be subject to lane reductions/interruptions intermittently during these working hours.

If you require additional information call the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board at 905-775-4321. Please leave your name, phone number and your concerns and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation

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COMPETITIVE BIDS

Tender#: T-12-02

RECONSTRUCTION OF TORONTO STREET, JAMES STREET AND HURD STREET

SEALED TENDERS, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Financial Services at the below noted address until:

Friday, February 24th, 2012 at 2:00 PM local time

For the construction of the works detailed below:

Reconstruction of Toronto Street, James Street and Hurd Street within the Town of Bradford. The works include complete removal and replacement of the water distribution system (approx 1,300m), removal and replacement of approx. 600m of sanitary sewer (200mm), approx 680m of storm sewers (various sizes) and associated services. Removal and replacement of the roadway, curbs, sidewalks and subsequent restoration of all disturbed areas. Complete tender documents (PDF format) will be available electronically to download on Monday, February 6, 2012 by visiting the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's website at www.townofbwg.com. If required, drawings only will be made available upon request until February 22, 2012, from the Town.

Each tender must be accompanied by a tender deposit in the amount of \$150,000.

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Financial Services
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61 Holland Street East
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RFT #: M-12-07 PAVEMENT MARKINGS

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The Finance Department
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Bradford, ON L3Z 2A8,
Telephone: 905-775-5303
Fax: 905-775-4472

Bid documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:

<http://www.town.bradfordwestgwillimbury.on.ca/TownHall/Purchasing/TendersandRFPs/index.htm>

By electronically registering for competitive bid opportunities bidders are automatically added to the plan-bidders list and are provided a password to allow them access to the competitive bid document. An up to date bidders list is always available on the website for each opportunity while the opportunity is still open. Registering also enables all addends to be delivered in an efficient and effective manner. The Town will not assume responsibility for any information that a bidder does not receive if they have not registered for this competitive bid opportunity. Once the opportunity passes the closing time, the documents become unavailable.

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At the Bradford Legion Br. 521

Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 5:30 p.m. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner. On the first Friday of the month enjoy Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. following the Meat Roll. All welcome.

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At the Danube Centre: Elvis!

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, located at 715 Simcoe Rd. south of Bradford, offers activities and events for those ages 50 and up. For information on membership, call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:
• **The Seniors Health Seminar** on Thursday, March 8 will be a CPR Workshop with Anita Horlings, Training Partner with the Canadian Red Cross. Find out more about CPR, the nature of heart attack, Stroke, T.A. and Cardiac Arrest, and the uses of an AED - Automated External Defibrillator. The session begins at 11 a.m., to be followed by Lunch, for only \$6. All welcome.

• **The Elvis Show** is coming to the Danube Centre on March 31 - featuring two award-winning Elvis Tribute Artists, John Cigan and Matt Dowsett, backed up by Gerie & The Koasters, and

programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For more information, contact Donna at 905-775-5025.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Call Gord Dodgson at 905-775-4905.

The Tonettes. Tickets for "Blue Suede Shoes: Memories of the King" are \$25 per person, available at 905-775-0612 or from EPC Management, 905-775-2936. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m.

At Lakeside

Lakeside Retirement, 905 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, invites the community:
• **St. Paddy's Bingo Night**, on Friday, March 2 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Door prizes, jackpot and refreshments - all welcome, but please RSVP to 705-431-8105.

• **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**, with entertainment by Jim and Jean Duffy, 2:30 to 4 p.m., March 17. Refreshments, door prizes. RSVP to 705-431-8105.

8th-Dissette Report requested

Mayor Doug White asked for a Staff Report, wrapping up the Dissette St. - 8th Line project - listing not only costs, but where the money will be coming from. "Traffic is moving forward nicely now..." (but) there's been no report that's captured everything," White said. "I think it's important that we spell this out very clearly."

Director of Engineering, and Acting Town Manager Debbie Kornleak agreed - although she noted that some items would have to be presented to Council in camera, behind closed doors, because they contain information about legal issues, and identifiable individuals.

Own a Home

Habitat for Humanity of York Region & BVWG is building 2 houses in Keswick in 2012, and is looking for 2 qualified families from the area to buy these homes. Attend an evening public info session for prospective applicants Monday, Feb. 27, or Wednesday, Feb. 29. To register or for details, contact Habitat for Humanity York Region at 905-868-8722 or see www.habitatforky.ca

Vote for Carrot Fest again!

Westlet is once again looking for input on Canadians' favourite festivals. Go to www.westletfestivals.com to share experiences, photos, videos and opinions about Canadian festivals, vote for your favourite festival of all time - and enter for a chance to win one of 5 festival experiences, including a trip for 2 to the Okanagan Wine Festival, or the Calgary Stampede.

Last year, Bradford's CarrotFest was ranked #37 in all of Canada, on Westlet's list. Residents are invited to vote again, and help move CarrotFest up in the rankings. Cast your ballot for Gwilly and CarrotFest by visiting <http://www.westletfestivals.com/festival/2012/carrot-fest> Currently, CarrotFest is ranked #1 in Ontario, and #6 in Canada!



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Focus on Business

Benjamin Moore Grants

Benjamin Moore & Co. Ltd. and the Community Foundations of Canada have been partners for more than a decade, in delivering the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program.

It's a grant program that supports heritage restoration and community projects across the country. Local Community Foundations identify suitable projects that have merit and benefit their communities, and Benjamin Moore provides the paint, expertise and financial support.

Last year, the Bradford West Gwillimbury & District Community Foundation partnered with Benjamin Moore to present a \$3,000 cash grant and \$750 in Benjamin Moore products, for the restoration of Scanlon House in the Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

Now the Foundation is looking for applications for this year's grant program from local organizations. The application form and guidelines are on the BWG & District Community Foundation website, www.bwgdf.ca

Deadline for applications is March 30, 2012.

South Simcoe Business Excellence Awards

Nottawasaga Futures is partnering with the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to host the 15th Annual South Simcoe Business Excellence Awards, Thursday, April 19 from 6:15 to 9 p.m. at the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Library and Cultural Centre, 428 Holland St. West.

Nottawasaga Futures is now looking for nominations for the following awards, recognizing excellence, outstanding achievement and customer satisfaction, in South Simcoe businesses:

Quality Award - presented to micro, small, medium and large businesses applying the principles of quality management in their search for customer satisfaction and financial success.

Business Excellence Award - presented to a business that has

contributed significantly to the economic development of the community through its growth, investment and community involvement.

New Business Award - presented to a new business venture that leads to investments in the local economy.

Entrepreneur of the Year Award - presented to an individual who is recognized for outstanding achievement in starting, taking over or substantially changing an independent profit-making venture while exhibiting a high level of leadership, creativity and sense of community.

Margo Cooney Agricultural Award - presented to an agricultural enterprise, where the principles of farm/farming-related operation are applied, resulting in a flourishing

and thriving endeavour. **Customer Service Award** - presented for outstanding customer service skills. Certificates will be presented to all nominees. **Business Award for Promotion and Advancement of Literacy** - presented to a business that has undertaken efforts to promote literacy within their organization.

The nomination process is easy. Simply call or email Robin Brown at 705-435-1540 or 1-800-509-7554 or robin@mottawasaga.com with the name of the business and the award category; Robin will contact the business directly, for the relevant information. Deadline for nominations is February 29, 2012. The names of nominators are confidential.

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Commission of Ontario



Notice of Liquor Licence Application

The following establishment has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence under the *Liquor Licence Act*:

Application for a Sales Licence

SUNSET GRILL
487 HOLLAND STREET WEST, UNIT L2
BRADFORD (Indoor and outdoor area)

Any resident of the municipality may make a written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than **February 28, 2012**. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Commission, please identify the designated contact person. **Note:** The AGCO gives the applicant copies of any objections. Anonymous objections are not considered.

The personal information gathered is collected under the authority of the *Liquor Licence Act*. The principal purpose of the collection is to assess eligibility for the issuance of a liquor sales licence. Copies of all objections are given to the applicant. The information may also be disclosed pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Manager, Licensing and Registration, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario at the address, telephone numbers or e-mail address listed below.

Submissions to be sent to: **Licensing and Registration, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, 90 Sheppard Avenue East, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M2N 0A4. Tel: 416-326-8700 OR Toll-Free in Ontario 1-800-522-2876. Fax: 416-326-5555. E-mail: licensing@agco.on.ca**

Scam Alert: It's not Microsoft calling

The caller was very convincing. Catherine Russell received a phone call from the West Indies, advising her that she had won the "Canadian Senior Citizens' Cash Award" of over \$2 million, and all she had to do to claim her prize was send the 1% tax owing - a total of \$2,300 - by Western Union.

Convincing or not, she hung up and called the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre - aware that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

The fraud centre, formerly known as "Phonebusters," confirmed that this is a scam - a variation on the phony lottery email notification. The Anti-Fraud Centre points out that you can't win a lottery without

buying a lottery ticket - and that no bona fide lottery will ask for payment up front.

Another scam making the rounds is the "Computer Virus Scam." A caller, often claiming to work for Microsoft or some other major software company, claims that your computer has a virus that is causing it to run slowly, or not at all - and offers to repair it via internet access, for a payment that can range from \$35 to \$470, to be billed to your credit card.

The RCMP warn that allowing a third party to download software or remotely access your computer can lead to identity theft, installation of malicious software that can capture your online banking information, or

the use of your computer to spread spam or viruses - and giving out your credit card number to a third party can lead to unauthorized charges.

"If you're really worried about viruses on your computer, be proactive and use anti-virus software that you've acquired from reputable sources, and keep it up to date," says Staff Sgt. Paul Prokop. "If someone calls you out of the blue offering to provide this kind of help, it's probably a scam. Remember, it's not rude to hang up on someone who's trying to steal your money and information."

A variant on the computer virus scam: internet pop-up ads for anti-virus software.



Kids helping kids - Kaela, Jessica, Stobhan, Erica, Katie, and Jeniah (not in order) sell candy and friendship bracelets outside of Giant Tiger in Bradford, Feb. 18, raising money for sick kids.

Friendship Bracelets for Sick Kids

Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket provides a Regional Maternal Child program - offering life-saving neonatal care and a centre for paediatric oncology, among other services, in partnership with the Hospital for Sick Children. So Ms. Maurino's Grade 5 class at Hon. Earl Rowe Public School decided to do something special for the hospitals. The original idea was for the class to make woven "Friendship Bracelets" to be given to kids in treatment, as a symbol of sympathy and support. When the hospitals regrettably told the students that, for health reasons, they couldn't accept anything that wasn't brand new, the game plan changed.

Students Jessica Leonard, Stobhan Kilpatrick, Madison Conway and Kaela McCutcheon decided to sell the bracelets to raise money for sick children. They got permission from Giant Tiger manager Chris Cavichia to set up a table outside the store's front doors on Feb. 18, selling bracelets and bags of candies for a donation - and far exceeded their goal, thanks in part to a donation of \$100 in gift Certificates from Giant Tiger.



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Bradford TIM-BR Mart



The Bradford TIM-BR Mart Store at 90 Dissette St. may not look like a powerhouse, says Manager Kimberly Smith - but looks can be deceiving.

The Bradford store is part of the TIM-BR Mart chain, which has more than 700 outlets across Canada. And it's part of the Doidge Group - 8 TIM-BR Mart stores owned by the Doidge Family, that have their own central purchasing department.

"We're up there in buying power," Smith says. "We have huge buying power, and we take advantage of that."

Having a network of stores in locations that include Welland, Fort Erie, Kincardine, Macleod, Brambridge and Bradford means that not only can TIM-BR Mart provide competitive pricing, the store can meet its customers' needs quickly. "We don't necessarily have everything here in inventory, but we have a very quick turnaround. There's nothing we can't get to our customers," Smith says.

The Bradford store carries kitchen and bath, lighting, tools, hardware, shingles, lumber - anything and everything that residents, contractors and builders can need and want. It's a Para Paint Dealership - "We can color match" - and paint and varnish Recycling Depot, as part of the "Do What You Can" program, accepting paint and varnish cans.

Doidge produces its own treated lumber at a plant in Bolton. "We actually sell to other TIM-BR Marts," Smith says. "We're extremely competitive" - and focused on customer service.

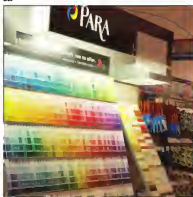
"We go anywhere. Even though this is a Bradford store, we'll deliver to anywhere, from Fort Erie to up past Tobermory," Smith says. The store even offers roof-top deliveries of shingles. "There's nothing we can't do - from basements

to roofing - kitchens, bathrooms, electrical, house plans."

Bradford's TIM-BR Mart can trace its roots back to Spence TIM-BR Mart, and beyond that, to Spence Lumber - a nearly 100-year tradition of serving the community. "And it's still a family-owned and operated business. You don't see that very often any more," says Smith, who has worked at the Bradford location for nearly 10 years.

She notes that the store is still a work in progress. There are plans to update the website and renovate the store, adding a kitchen studio. "There's so much going on."

Bradford TIM-BR Mart, 90 Dissette St., call 905-775-3362 or visit www.doidgetimbrmarts.ca



Top: Bradford TIM-BR Mart Manager Kimberly Smith, in front of treated lumber. Above: TIM-BR Mart is Bradford's Para Paint dealership.

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A life-changing trip, Part 2

by Denise Garrido, Miss World Canada 2010
Visiting some slums in India several times, I connected with some of the children. They are all so beautiful and so happy to have a friend visit. To be called "akka" - Telugu for "Sister" - was a special connection.

Some children would recognize our vehicle when we arrived, and would run towards the car with large smiles on their faces. They would climb up the car, and reach in through the window to touch our hands in greeting. Although I was unable to speak their native language, there was no barrier. Since 93% of all communication is non-verbal, we were able to communicate quite happily, through our physical actions and facial expressions. Holding an orphaned child created a connection of belonging and love. Making silly faces with the children, or giving them high-fives made them feel so happy and special. These are some of the lasting memories that I have taken from this journey.

It was the first year that I didn't celebrate Christmas and New Year's at home, but I feel I spent it in the truest spirit of the season. Christmas Day was spent giving them Christmas cakes to almost 1000 children in the slums, and to residents of an orphanage for blind girls. We brought happiness to the children.

On New Year's Eve, we interacted and played with children from an orphanage and rehab centre in Chandigarh. Their smiles made me feel so fulfilled, and although I missed my

family at home, I felt a universal love and connectedness with these children.

Returning home, I feel even more awareness, and gratitude for the luxuries that we have. With the thousands of children I met, I know that the short period of time I spent with them was significant to their lives. But I am only one person; I can only imagine that if more people also did one small thing to give back to the world, the wave of positive change would be incredible.

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the poverty and war that exist in our world. It numbs us, and we feel helpless - that individually, we can't make any difference. In reality, one person can create great change - as the pebble is dropped, the ripples begin.

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can do only a little. Do what you can." Sydney Smith.

It's like the story of the thousands of starfish, left to die on the shore after the tide retreated. An individual tossing even one starfish back into the ocean makes a difference - and imagine if every person in this world rescued just one starfish?

Don't wait for others. As Lucius Annaeus Seneca said, *"He who gives when he is asked has waited too long."* Let's each do one simple act at home today. Give to the food bank. Visit the elderly. Volunteer at a school. Your action may change the world of another person completely, bringing love that will make the world a better place.

Submitted photo: Denise Garrido in India.

Home Depot helps serve up Breakfast



The Parent Council at St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic elementary school saw the need for a program at the school, that would provide a nutritious breakfast for the students twice a week - free of charge.

They contacted Breakfast for Learning, a non-profit organization that supports breakfast and snack programs, recognizing the link between nutrition and the readiness to learn, and requested \$8,000 to run the program.

"Unfortunately, Breakfast for Learning came back and gave \$2,500," said Benedita Wilkerson, leaving a shortfall.

The school then approached local businesses for assistance. "The one company that replied and said, 'What a wonderful idea!' was Home

Depot," Wilkerson said. With Home Depot's assistance, the school was able to acquire the new dishwasher, stove and fridge needed for the Breakfast Program, which was launched on December 1. "It was miraculous. Good neighbours make for a good community."

Every Tuesday and Thursday, breakfast will be served at the school, to the end of the school year - thanks in part to local farmers, who have donated produce for the program. Jason Verkaik of Caron Farms, for example, not only provides vegetables, but recipes - like the "Chocolate Beet Muffin", wildly popular with the kids, that offers a novel way to get a serving of veggies. On February 14, the school thanked Home Depot, Verkaik, and Eek Farms for their support - and for providing more than a nutritious breakfast for the students. Breakfast has also become a social event, enjoyed by all, that builds a sense of community.



Far left: kids thank Jason Verkaik. Left: Benedita Wilkerson thanks Home Depot Mgr. Brett Graham.

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Young hockey players join (from left) mascot Boomer the Bulldog, BWGMHA's Dave Heath, RBC Branch Manager Wayne Brakeboer, Bayne Smith - BWGMHA, and RBC Regional VP Paul Thomas, at the February 20 Family Day free skate, at the new BWG Leisure Centre. RBC also presented the Minor Hockey Association with a \$5000 grant for its Intro to Hockey program.

FAMILY, from Page 1

one of the many arenas hosting a free RBC Family Day Skate - including the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre.

From 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., residents could try out the new ice for free, sponsored by RBC. At first, only one rink was open for the free skate - but when that quickly reached capacity, and the lineup extended all the way to the entrance, RBC Regional Vice President Paul Thomas negotiated the rental of the other ice sheet. It was a great crowd, Thomas noted. "We had everything work out today."

He was joined by Branch manager Wayne Brakeboer in also making a presentation to Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey.

BWGMHA received a grant of \$5,000 from RBC's Play Hockey Program, to support its new Introduction to Hockey sessions.

"It's for the older kids, who never had the opportunity to play hockey," explained BWGMHA's Dave Heath. The idea is to provide those kids with a chance to learn hockey skills, in a fun and non-competitive setting - including the opportunity to play a short game at the end of each session.

The Association expected perhaps a dozen kids would sign up, when it began the program. "The first session, we had to turn them away. We didn't have enough helpers," Heath said. Currently, there are 40 kids participating, in 2 age groups.

"It just exploded," Heath said - and with the RBC Play Hockey grant, "we'll just get bigger and bigger." In addition to the free skate, free water giveaways and draw, RBC also brought Olympian Cheryl Pounder,

member of the gold-medal winning Canadian Women's Hockey Team, to the arena to sign autographs.

"It's like the biggest social hour ever," one resident was overheard to say.



Top: Olympian Cheryl Pounder and RBC Mortgage Specialist Sal Di Fede. Above: Skaters fill one of two rinks.



Above: From left, Carter, 10, Liam, 10 and Hannah, 6, make pine cone bird feeders at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area's Family Day event, Feb. 20.



Left: Kick-sledding at Scanlon.



Below: The Sheffer Family from Anten Mills enjoyed tobogganing and snowshoeing at the Simcoe County Museum, up in Midhurst, on Family Day.

Rural residents have a voice

The Rural Voices Network has partnered with the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and the Ontario Trillium Foundation to host a series of "Let Your Voice Be Heard" public forums across the province - asking Rural Ontarians to share their views. One of those Forums was held in Innisfil - where residents spoke of the increasing demands on volunteers, the need for motivation for community

success, building healthy communities, and changes in the rural demographics. The findings from Innisfil, and the 6 other centres, have been used to create a survey, to help identify the challenges facing rural Ontarians, the factors that can promote participation in community life, and what constitutes a barrier to participation. The survey is online at www.ruralvoicesnetwork.ca. To receive a paper copy of the

survey call 519-836-3078, email info@ruralvoicesnetwork.ca or write to Rural Voices Network, 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR#5 Guelph, ON N1H 612. The online survey will be available until March 16; all hard copy surveys must be returned by March 23. All participants will have a chance to win prizes that include a digital camera, Kobo Readers, and gift cards from Shoppers Drug Mart and Tim Hortons.

Schomberg Ag Society Farm Tour

The Schomberg Agricultural Society hosts its 8th Annual self-directed Farm Tour - this year on the theme, "Home of Champions." On Saturday, March 10, visit 3 local farms that are home to Champion Thoroughbred Horses, Dairy Cows and Heavy Horses. The gates will

be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost of the drive-yourself tour is only \$10 per car, which includes a map to each location. Tickets are available starting March 3, at Rona Cashway in Schomberg, Schomberg Farm & Garden Supplies, Brownsville Guardian Drugs, Richvale

Saddlery, Nobleton Feed Mill, Tottenham Feed Supply, Tottenham Home Hardware, and Maple Farm Supply in Bolton - or at the Schomberg Community Hall on the day of the tour, where lunch of hot soup, chili and hot dogs will also be available. Please, no dogs!

Horticultural stirrings.... Seminars & Meetings

York Region's Water for Tomorrow program launches its 2012 garden design seminar series on Thursday, March 1. "Container

Gardening," with Frankie "Flowers" Ferragino will take place at the Delta Markham, 50 East Vailhalla Drive in Markham, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Free for York Region residents, but please pre-register at www.waterfortomorrow.ca

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At the Ontario Early Years Centre

The Ontario Early Years Centre in Bradford offers age-appropriate programs for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers/parents - free. Some programs may require pre-registration. Visit www.simcoecommunityservices.ca and click on the Ontario Early Years logo, or call 905-775-3039, ext. 229.

Parent-Infant Mother Goose is an 8-week program for parents and their infants (10 months and younger). Begins Thursday, Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m. Note: Childcare is not available for older siblings. Pre-register.

Amazing World of Science - Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., March 3, 10, 17 and 24. Kids will enjoy hands-on experiments! Please register per session. **Let's Grow Screening Clinics** are free early identification programs for children ages 4 months to school entry. Teams of experts measure emotional, behavioural, social, speech, fine and gross motor skill development, and make referrals if further assistance is needed. The next Let's Grow Child Development Screening will be held



Monday, March 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. For a free appointment call Your Health Connections, 1-877-721-7520 by February 29.

The Ontario Early Years Centre is offering the **Esso Family Math Program** - a 6-week community-based program to support parents, and enhance a child's math education, for children in JK or SK, or of the age to attend kindergarten. The program begins Tuesday,

March 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. - with dinner provided at 6 p.m., program at 6:30 p.m. Help create the positive math attitudes that lead to success. Research shows that students do better in school when their parents are involved in their education; both parents are encouraged to attend. For information or to register, call 905-775-3039 ext. 229 or visit www.simcoecommunityservices.ca, click on the Ontario Early Years logo and go to Program Registration. Register by March 21. Limited childcare available for siblings.

There's still time to enter the annual **Provincial Driven to Quit Challenge**, open to all Ontario residents, ages 19 and older. Quit smoking for the month of March - and you could win a new Ford Fusion Hybrid or Edge, a \$5,000 vacation get-away, or regional prize of \$2,000. Sign up with a "support buddy" at www.driventoquit.ca

It's the Arts!

Join the Bradford Arts Guild and artist/performer David Rankine for a workshop on **Medieval-style Calligraphy**, February 26, at the Bradford Library, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 14 and up. Members \$29, non-members \$30, includes materials. Pre-register. For more information, see www.BradfordArtsGuild.com. Pre-register at the Borrower Services desk at the Library, or call 905-775-3328 ext. 6109.

Looking for a new craft? Come to the **Celebration of Arts & Crafts** at the Simcoe County Museum on March 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Demonstrations of crafts - including Rug Hooking, Stained Glass, Spinning, Weaving, Knitting, Bobbin Lace-making, beading, woodcarving and teddy bears - plus an opportunity to talk with local crafters and artisans, purchase craft supplies, and explore Simcoe County Arts & Crafts Association's

Crafters' Cupboard. See www.simcoecrafts.ca/celebrations for details.

Portraits by the late **Joni Saunders** are on display and for sale, at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. W. Her sensitive and luminous portraits are on display in the Atrium, upstairs and down, for the months of February and March. A portion from each sale supports the Alzheimer Society of Greater Simcoe County.

Planning for the **2012 BWG Studio Art Tour** has begun. Applications for this exciting event, which showcases the work of local artists and artisans September 14-16, 2012, are available at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Offices at 100 Dissette St.; The Bradford Times at 74 John St. W., and the Bradford Topic on Bridge St., or download from www.gotobug.ca/Public/Default.

The work of Aurora quilt artist **Angela Krotowski** is on display at the Aurora Cultural Centre, from March 31. **Story Quilts: The Threads that Bind Us - A 40 Year Retrospective of Angela Krotowski** features forty of the artist's works, along with artifacts highlighting historic quilting practices and heritage pieces. The Aurora Cultural Centre is located at 22 Church St., Aurora; www.auroraculturalcentre.ca. Admission is free, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tues.-Sat. There will be an Artist's Reception on Sunday, March 4, 1-4 p.m., and March Break workshops for children ages 7 and up.

The South Simcoe Arts Council Gallery, at the Gibson Centre, 83 Tupper St. W. in Alliston, features "Winters Reprieve" - an exhibit of works by 6 talented artists, using natural materials. To March 28. See www.southsimcoeartsCouncil.com

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Signs of Spring!

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The Clifford & District Horticultural Society holds its first meeting of 2012 on Monday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Churchill Community Centre, in Innisfil. Guest Speaker Terry Kennedy will speak on "Orchids," and have some of the beautiful plants for sale. There will also be a seed exchange - bring your fall harvest from the garden!

Bottle Drive

Bradford Scouts are holding a Bottle Drive this Saturday, February 25 - raising funds to send local youths to the Canadian Jamboree, being held at Camp Woods in Sylvan, Alberta, July 6-13, 2012. Between 18 and 20 Scouts will be attending from Bradford - but need to raise the funds. For more information, or to arrange a pickup, contact Lloyd George at 905-778-0809.

Therapy Dogs

Meet the St. John Ambulance Pet Therapy dogs and their owners at RBC West Branch, 539 Holland St. W. in Bradford, this Saturday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Help support a valuable program that visits nursing homes and hospitals, teaches Dog Bite Prevention and, provides "Reading Buddies" for kids. 905-841-1727.



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MEETINGS

SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at

Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer, a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative service.



Springdale Christian Reformed Church
NW Corner Canal Rd. & River Rd.
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Sunday School & Nursery

Newton Robinson United Church
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Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
W. 86th road of Hwy 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available
905-775-2512

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Services 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
905-775-2220
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th St.
(8th Line & Middleton St.)
905-775-7274
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery provided.
stjohnspresbyterian.ca

Bradford Alliance Church
Sunday Celebration Service 10 a.m.
Nursery/Kids Church (9-11): 10 a.m.
Prayer Gathering: Sundays
at 7:00 p.m.
Midweek activities for Youth and Adults
756 Simcoe Rd. • 905-778-0068

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
2712 Simcoe Rd., Bradford
(Borough Section)
Vespers: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Liturgy: Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Daily 10:00 a.m.
Phone: 905-771-50105

St. Catherine of Alexandra Catholic Church
(Byzantine Rite)
16 Hearn St., Bond Head, Sunday
Eucharist: 9:30am (Ukrainian),
11:30am (English)
905-775-6282
info@scatherineofalexandra.ca

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
16835 District 15, R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Bodin
905-775-7291
E: hollandmarshcrrc@rogans.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
9:00 a.m.
Rev. Adrian Toms

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
187 Eas St. Bradford 905-775-2098
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Sat. 9:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
11:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
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Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.,
905-775-7268
Services - 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Available
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St. Paul's Anglican Church
Coadjutor Hse.
(NW corner of County Rd.
#4 & 11th Line)
Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School with Service
289-231-3253

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-776-0288, located in the St. George
of Hwy #11 & Conc. #9
Sunday - 8:00 to 9:30 Children 4-12 yrs

Riverbide Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
#20426 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Evening Bible Hour
6:30 pm - Family Service
7:30 pm Vesp. - Prayer - Bible Study

Bradford Baptist Church
3224-10th St. Rd.
(2 km north of Hwy 86)
Sunday Services: 10am
Kids Program JK-Grade 8
Mid-week Youth Program & Portuguese Ministry
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ice of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

DEAF FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month at Music in Motion Performing Arts Studio, 1505 Artesian Industrial Pkwy. 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforaccess.org. All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club have a weekly BINGO, Mondays 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: YMCA of Simcoe-Muskoka Newcomer Services provides assistance to immigrants, to settle in the community. For information, call 705-790-1188.

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

T.O.P.S.™ (Take off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight loss support group that meets at the Lions Pool Bldg. Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is \$30 per year, \$2 per meeting. For details call Edna, 905-775-9018.

YOUTH DROP IN GYM NIGHT: The Fridge (Bradford Baptist Church Youth Ministry) is running a Youth Drop-in Gym Night at Bradford District High School twice a month, for grades 7-12. Free. Every other Friday, 7-9 p.m. For info, see www.bcbwbc.ca or email rsmib@bcbwbc.ca

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund raising religious and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

SAT. FEB. 25

DR. SEUSS AT THE LIBRARY: Free family drop-in event, 1-3 p.m. at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. W. For ages 3 and up - adult supervision required. Dr. Seuss!

HOLLAND MARSH DISTRICT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GALT: Gala fundraiser for the school at Cardinal Golf Club, 6 p.m. Includes Dinner and Silent Auction, 2740 Davis Drive West (Hwy. 9). Guest speaker is former NHL Player and co-founder of National Training Rink, Wes Jarvis, of Hockey Ministries International. Tickets \$125 each, available at the school, 905-775-3701. Or sponsor a table of 10 for \$1000, and be entered in a draw for an Apple iPad.

MON. FEB. 27

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR CREATIVE MINDS: 10-10:45 a.m. at the 405 Holland St. W. for ages 2 and up. Fee & Small Winter Scene. Also Feb. 28, Cost \$5 per class, pre-register.

TEC-WE-GWILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE: Tec-We-Gwill Wl meets at the Tec-We-Gwill Wl Hall in Newton Robinson (County Rd. 27), at noon. Bring your own sandwich; beverages and dessert provided. Enjoy a Musical Interlude, featuring talented Wl members. Visitors welcomed. For info, call Gladys at 905-778-0319 or Glenna, 705-458-1510.

TUES. FEB. 28

CBS BLOOD DONOR CLINIC: Canadian Blood Services blood donor clinic at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 SR and 8th Line BWG, 3:30 to 8 p.m. Call 1-888-2-DONATE to book an appointment to give the gift of life.

BOND HEAD OLD TIME FIDDLERS: Bond Head Old Time Fiddle Dances, 7 p.m. at the Bond Head Community Hall, County Rd. 27 south of 8th. All welcome. \$4 per person.

WEDS. FEB. 29

BRADFORD UNITED CHURCH ROAST BEEF DINNER: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls, salad, dessert, tea, coffee, juice, 4:30 to 7 p.m. \$14 adults, \$7 children. Tickets at the door, 66 Barrie St., or order in advance at 905-775-7268. Seniors can order and arrange for delivery to their door by calling 905-775-

5785, before noon on Feb. 29.

FRI. MAR. 2

ST. PADDY'S BINGO NIGHT: Free, at Lakeside Retirement, 985 Innisfil Beach Rd., 7:30 - 9 p.m. Refreshments, prizes. Please RSVP to 705-431-8105.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, at 1 p.m., on the theme, Let Justice Prevail. Refreshments after the service.

CRUSADERS IN CONCERT: The Crusaders Choir, under the direction of Henry Bergsma will be joined by the Voices of Joy Choir in a wonderful program of music on Sunday 2, 7:30 p.m. at Springdale Christian Reformed Church, 5 SR and Canal Rd. Tickets \$12 - free for kids under 12. Call George Wiggers, 705-431-8070 or Jim Winter 905-836-9226.

SAT. MAR. 3

CELEBRATION OF ARTS & CRAFTS: At the Simcoe County Museum, 153 Hwy. 26 north of Hwy. 2, for ages 25 and over. An opportunity to see demonstrations by artists and crafters, sign up for lessons, join guilds, shop at the SCACA Crafters' Cupboard and buy items from craft supply vendors. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See www.simcoecrafts.ca/crafters

LIONS CHARITY POKER: The Beston and Bond Head Lions host a charity poker tournament at the Bond Head Hall. Registration begins at 1 p.m., play begins at 2 p.m. \$40 Buy-in with all buy-in monies going to the prize pool. All welcome. For info or advance tickets, call Ed, 905-775-5921 or any Beaton or Bond Head Lion. Door prizes, refreshments. Beef on a Bun! Support Lions community projects.

YNOT ECO FASHION SHOW: YNOT Eco Fashion Councils host an Eco Fashion Show at the Nottawasaga Inn & Resort Country Ballroom, 4-7 p.m. Admission is free. Cat walk fashion show begins at 2 p.m., featuring ethical fashions. Be the Change!

ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, SIMCOE CO. BRANCH: 2 p.m. at the LDS Church, 79 Ferris Lane, Barrie. Guest Speaker Naomi

Ridout, on "Sherman Godfrey Bird and Arnold Chun: From Colonial Hong Kong to Pioneer Barrie." All welcome. Book table at 1:30 p.m. For info 705-728-1170.

World Day of Prayer in Bradford

The World Day of Prayer Church service will be held Friday, March 2 at 1 p.m., at Bradford United Church. The service was created by the women of Malaysia on the theme, Let Justice Prevail. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the Service. Bradford United Church is located at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford; for information, contact 905-775-7268.

Fish & Chips Lenten Dinner!

Alexandria of Catholic Church, located at 56 Hearn St. In Bond Head, is hosting a Lenten Dinner on Sunday, March 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. - featuring Haddock and Chips, Salad, Dessert, tea or coffee. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 7 and under. Tickets available at the door, or call 905-775-6144 or 905-775-2882 to reserve. All are welcome to this Fish & Chips dinner!

St. Patrick's Day

Cookstown United Church, 37 Queen St., hosts its annual St. Patrick's Stew & Lasagna Supper, Saturday, March 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Home-made pie & Adults \$12, children 6 to 12 years old \$5, free for under 6 - at the door. All welcome.

St. Patrick's Day

The Irish Claddagh Club of Barrie and District hosts its 14th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance, Saturday, March 17, upstairs at the Barrie Legion. \$30 per person; call 705-456-1595. Includes traditional dinner, of roast beef and corned beef, live Irish music, dancing to a DJ, and a performance by Irish Dancers.

Festa!



Photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Festa de Carnaval! The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford hosted a Masquerade Dinner and Dance on February 18, to celebrate Carnival. Above, "Pirates of Lake Simcoe", Innisfil residents Paula and Antonio Pereira. Right, Mary Poppins and Chimney Sweep, Maria and Victor Gabriel.

Coming up: International Women's Day at the Centre, Saturday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Cocktails, Dinner and a fabulous Fashion Show, featuring DJ Vibe and singer Kelly Moniz. \$30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 7 to 11. Contact Tina at 905-775-4291, Jean at 905-775-4723 or Luisa, 905-778-0363.



Roast Beef Dinner

Roast Beef Dinner at Bradford United Church, Wednesday, February 29, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. • Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and juice, only \$14 for adults, \$7 for children. Tickets at the door, 86 Barrie St. in Bradford, or in advance from 905-775-7268. Seniors can call in advance and arrange to have the dinner delivered to their home, by calling 905-775-5785 by noon on Feb. 28. Proceeds will support the church and its charities.

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Winterfest... & Freezin' for a Reason

Innisfil Community Events Corporation's 13th annual Winterfest celebration takes place this weekend at Innisfil Beach Park, February 24 to 26.

Although the Tyke Hockey Tournament has been cancelled, there are still plenty of activities planned.

On Friday, February 24, Families are invited to a screening of **The Muppet Movie**, 7 p.m. at the Innisfil Community Church on Innisfil Beach Rd. Admission is \$5 per person; children must be accompanied by an adult. Includes popcorn and a drink. Donations of non-perishable food for the food bank would be appreciated. For info contact Chris Reynolds, 705-436-4564.

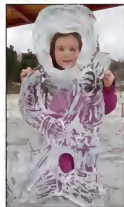
Saturday morning kicks off with the **Fishing for Tyler** ice fishing derby. The event is a fundraiser for 15 year old Innisfil resident, Tyler French, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder; the funds raised through Derby fees, a BBQ, and Silent Auction will help pay for the intensive therapy that he needs. The Fishing for Tyler Derby will take place on

Saturday, February 25, from 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with weigh-in and prize presentations at 1 p.m., at the Innisfil Beach Park Boat Launch. If there is open water, participants will be free to head out to fish anywhere on Lake Simcoe where the ice is safe. Cost to enter is a minimum donation of \$10. For more information, contact fourfries@bell.net or Elisa at 705-436-3607.

The Sno-Fitch Tourney at Innisfil Beach Park starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday - weather permitting - and Gable Brothers Amusements bring their Mini-Midway to the park. And at 2 p.m., there will be a Polar Bear Dip in Lake Simcoe.

The Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation is hosting "Freezin' for a Reason," a fundraiser for a healthy Lake Simcoe that asks participants to raise a minimum of \$200 each, or \$600 for a team. Prizes for the most raised, and for the zaniest costumes. Register at www.LakeSimcoeFoundation.ca under Events, or call 905-895-

1281 ext. 251. Note: The Town of BAYV has a team entered! Finally, on Sunday, Feb. 26, the Innisfil Lions host a Winterfest Pancake Breakfast at their Hall, 982 Innisfil Beach Rd., 9 a.m. to noon.



Innisfil isn't the only community to host a Winterfest. The Town of Newmarket held its celebration on Feb. 4-5, where 5 year old Olivia posed with this ice sculpture.



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Sports

Pizza Pizza Peewees win Gold!

Bradford Local League Peewees #3, sponsored by Pizza Pizza, participated in a one-day Woodville Tournament in January - and won Gold.

Game 1, Jan. 22. Smithville - 3, Bradford #3 Pizza Pizza - 2. Markers by Griffin McCulloch from Kyle Wade and Ryan Lomas; and Cameron Bald from Matt Bettencourt and McCulloch.

Game 2, Bradford #3 Pizza Pizza - 6, Sunderland - 0. Goals

by Matthew Bettencourt with the hat trick, singles by Rory McMechan, Cameron Foote and Colton McRae. Assists to McBride, Griffin McCulloch (3), McMechan and Spencer Royce.

Championship Final,

Bradford #3 Pizza Pizza - 3, Georgina - 2. Scoring by Lucas Quintero from Colton McBride and Ryan Lomas; Griffin McCulloch from Spencer Royce and Kyle Brinkins; and Royce, unassisted. Bradford wins

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Major Peewees win Silver



Bradford Major Peewees, sponsored by Dr. Chai, travelled to Sudbury for the inaugural Nickel City Rocks Tournament.

Game 1, Temiskaming Pederson Puckhounds - 4, Bradford Dr. Chai Bulldogs - 1. Lone goal by Curtis Dubeau, from Dylan Beattie. Game MVP Vandy Chit.

Game 2, Bradford Dr. Chai - 5, Nickel City Tigers - 2. Scoring by Vandy Chit, Curtis Dubeau, Isaac Moniz, Dylan Beattie and Jacob Beadle. Assists to Cole Camenzuli, Brett Young (2) and Beadle. Game MVP Isaac Moniz.

Game 3, Bradford Dr. Chai - 14, Copper Cliff Redmen - 1. Goals by Curtis Dubeau and Jacob Beadle with 5 apiece, Vandy Chit with a pair, singles by Cole Camenzuli and Derian Carter. Helpers to Chit (3), Carter (3), Dylan Beattie, Beadle and Matt Ventura. Game MVP Joe Heath.

Game 4, Bradford Dr. Chai Bulldogs

- 5, Blind River Thunder Chiefs - 1. Scoring by Jacob Beadle with 2, singles by Vandy Chit, Cole Camenzuli and Dylan Beattie. Assists to Beadle, Game MVP Jack Heatley and Chit.

Game 5, Bradford Dr. Chai - 7, Kapuskasing Angels - 2. Goals by Isaac Moniz with the hat trick, Cole Camenzuli with 2, singles by Derian Carter and Jamie Henderson, from Spencer Ripley (3), Brett Young (3), Curtis Dubeau and Camenzuli. Game MVP Matthew Ventura.

Gold Medal Game, Temiskaming Pederson Puckhounds - 6, Bradford Dr. Chai Bulldogs - 5, in a tough battle decided in Overtime. Goals by Game MVP Jamie Henderson with a pair, singles by Dylan Beattie, Jacob Beadle and Cole Camenzuli, on assists from Vandy Chit (2), Curtis Dubeau, Spencer Ripley, Beattie and Brett Young. Bradford was down, 5-1 with only 6 minutes remaining but stormed back to tie, with 22 seconds left on the clock. The team dominated OT - but a quick break gave Temiskaming the win. Great Tournament!

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BWGMHA Rep results

NOVICE AE

Feb. 15, Bradford - 1, Innisfil - 0. Goal by Keegan Terrey, from Alex DeSario and Tanner Hueglin. Shutout to Isaac Duva.

Feb. 18, Georgina - 6, Bradford - 1. Lone goal by Brandon Scott from Kaeleigh Gardiner and Darcy Mott.

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\$20.00 increase in registration fees Effective March 21



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Bradford student Nana Ntim gets airborne during a game, playing for the George Brown College Huskies Basketball team.

Photo by Michael Stefancic, Photographer and Graphic Design George Brown College.

by David Grossman - Special to The Bradford Times

There aren't many like Nana Ntim. The 23-year-old likes to do things his way - and often, it's perseverance that keeps him going.

Ntim's inspirational day starts before sunrise, when most people are still sleeping, and continues until he returns home, usually close to midnight.

Five days a week, Nana Ntim leaves his Bradford residence and heads off to attend school - the downtown Toronto campus of George Brown College.

And Ntim doesn't drive.

"It has to be done and, for me, there's no other choice. It's GO transit and streetcar," he says. "Sure, it's a challenge, and if I don't do it, the person I let down is myself."

Ntim, born in Canada and of Ghanaian descent, is in the first year of a 4-year Civil Engineering program at George Brown. After that, he plans to attend University - perhaps Ryerson, McMaster, or Windsor.

When his thoughts aren't submerged in studies, it's basketball - and despite a grueling commute, his attendance at George Brown has been "perfect," for both classes and basketball practice.

When George Brown's basketball team hit a road block, after 5 players were deemed academically ineligible just before the winter break, it was Ntim - then relegated to the bench - who got the call to step forward. And he did, as point-getter and on-court leader. In three of the past 5 games, Ntim led the Huskies in scoring - and was runner-up, twice.

Battling back from injuries, Ntim joined the team way down the list. Now he's at the top.

"I love basketball, and it keeps me disciplined," says the 6'1" point guard, who scored 48 points on two separate occasions while attending Monsignor Percy Johnson high school in Toronto. "I saw (George Brown) struggling, and I knew I could contribute. It's all about being patient, and things find a way of working out."

Asked if he'd like to play in the NBA, Ntim laughs.

"Every kid has dreams, but there is something also called reality... There are only so many guys good enough to play in that league. I might adore the game, but I also have to be smart about things, and see what's now in my best interest."

With Ntim on the court, George Brown has a 9-7 record and is in a 3-way tie with Durham and St. Lawrence for 4th Place in the Ontario College Athletic Association's East Division, with 4 games remaining.

"My mother always told me to go and do my best," says Ntim. "That's the advice I follow in everything I do."



Celebrating 69 years of Christian Education

Holland Marsh District Christian School, in Ansersveldt in the Holland Marsh, is celebrating its 69th year of Christian Education this year, and on February 15, held a "Winterfest" afternoon of games outdoors. Despite the lack of snow and wintry weather, students enjoyed tug-o-war (top), Broomball, and other sports.

The School is hosting its 5th Annual Gala Dinner & Silent Auction on Saturday, February 25 at the Cardinal Golf Club, 2740 Davis Drive W. (Hwy. 9) at 6 p.m. The Gala evening includes guest speaker Wes Jarvis, of Hockey Ministries International - a former NHL player, and co-founder of National Training Rinks.

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Rattlers in Playoffs

The Bradford Rattlers wrapped up their regular season on Feb. 19 with a 6-3 win over the Shelburne Red Wings - ending the season with 31 wins, 6 losses, and 5 overtime losses, for 67 points. They are 3rd in the overall GMHL standings, and 1st in the Southern Conference.

That gives the Rattlers a bye through the first round of the playoffs. The team will have to wait and see who their first opponent will be; check the GMHL website for updates. **Note:** The Rattlers will be holding tryouts for local players, following the playoffs. Watch for more information!

BWGMA Local League

PEEWEE LOCAL LEAGUE

Jan. 26, Bradford #3 Pizza Pizza - 2, Oakridges - 1.

Scoring by Griffin McCulloch unassisted; and Lucas

Quintero from McCulloch and Jack Flynn.

Jan. 28, Bradford #3 Pizza Pizza - 3, Beeton - 0. Goals by Griffin McCulloch, Kyle Wade and Matthew Bettencourt, from Cameron Foote, Bettencourt (2), McCulloch (2) and Wade.

Jan. 29, Lefroy - 5, Bradford #3 Pizza Pizza - 1. Lone goal by Griffin McCulloch from Lucas Quintero.

Feb. 2, Bradford #3 Pizza Pizza - 3, Bradford #1 - 1. Pizza Pizza goals by Kyle Brinkos, Ryan Lomas and Kyle Wade, from Matt Bettencourt (2), Cameron Foote (2), Brinkos.

BWGMA Rep Results

REP RESULTS, from Page 20

Feb. 19, Markham - 3, Bradford - 0.

ATOM AE

Feb. 19, Bradford - 1, Orillia - 0. The winning goal was scored 4:14 into Overtime, by Matthew Falsarella from Ivan Stefanov and Adam Chabot. Matthew Moran earned the shutout, in an outstanding team effort.

Bradford Skater's Edge

The Bradford Skating Club held a Test Day on February 9, 2012. Congratulations to the following, who passed:

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Sno-Pitch, Snow or No Snow



The Deckers of Barrie won their 1st game Feb. 4, vs. the Bradford Tail Gaters.

What's a Sno-Pitch game without the snow? It's still Sno-Pitch, and that's what teams played on February 4 - with 8 mixed teams at Georgian Downs racetrack, playing on 2 diamonds in an ice-free area of the oval, and Men's teams playing at Infilfil Beach Park. With grass underfoot instead of snow, it was admittedly a different kind of game. "It's a lot harder to get traction," said a player with the Bradford Tailgaters.

"It's harder," agreed a player with the Deckers, out of Barrie. "The ground's harder - the ball bounces everywhere" the Deckers bounced the Tailgaters in Game 1, before going down to defeat.

In the final, the Diamond Dogs of Infilfil defeated 9 Friends and Andrea, from Bradford, in Mixed play. In Men's play, the Barrie Sharks defeated the Sno-Ballers, also from Barrie.

A second Sno-Pitch tourney at Georgian Downs is planned for March 3. To sign up, contact Terry at 647-226-7042 or tajackson56@hotmail.com or Paul, 289-338-2613 or madisonrose@rogers.com. Cost is \$20 per team - 3 games guaranteed, snow or no snow.

Microworks Major Curling playoffs

The Microworks Major Curling League's final night of the regular season, February 14, saw teams vying for coveted playoff spots. Only the top 10 teams in the 15-team league advance to playoff action - and with the standings so tight, at the end of the night six teams were tied with 7 wins, 7 losses. The final placements came down to head-to-head records.

Game of the Week, Aurora Auto Wholesalers (Wylie Allan) - 5, Dundee Wealth Management/Vespra Hills GC/Ice River Springs (Genumark (Ken Dumond) - 4. Allan made a hit and roll out for the win in the 8th end - and a 7 win, 7 loss record that put his rink in 7th place.

Dundee Wealth Management finished with 4 wins, 10 losses - out of the playoffs. Parry Sound Insurance (Cory Heggestad) - 7. Performance Curling Supplies/Freedom 55 Financial (Al Corbelle) - 1. Heggestad finishes the regular season in 1st place with 12 wins, 2 losses. Corbelle sits in 4th spot, with 8 wins, 6 losses.

Shot Rock Shop/Thor Motors (Garry Morgan) - 7. Genumark/Rethredz (Ken Leach) - 6. Morgan finished with 7 wins, 7 losses, and 9th place in the standings. Leach, with 4 wins, 10 losses, did not advance. BMC Construction/A.McAfee & Associates Insurance Brokers (Wylie MacPherson) - 8. Bob Dumond - 4. MacPherson's rink, with 11 wins, 3 losses, finished in 2nd spot. Dumond, with 6 wins, 8 losses, was 12th and did not advance to the playoffs.

Dominion of Canada Insurance/Bunn-o-matic (Pat Perroud) - 6. Dixon's Handyman Services/Catering by Colin (Randy Flegel) - 4. Perroud, with 9 wins, 5 losses, was 3rd in the standings. Flegel, with only 1 win, did not advance.

Danalogix/Ray's Driving School (Don Campbell) - 6. The Wilds at Cedar Valley/Georgian College (Bill Irwin) - 5. Both have 7 wins, 7 losses; based on the record, Danalogix finished in 6th place, and the Wilds at Cedar Valley, in 8th.

DM Printing Equipment (Susan McKnight) - 6. James Dealers Blevins Insurance Co. (Geoff

Truscott) - 3. Again, both rinks had 7 wins, 7 losses. The win gave McKnight the final playoff spot; Truscott was 11th - just out of the action.

Comco Petroleum/Dr. Chris Scheil Optometrist (Andrew Thompson) had the bye and an 8 win, 6 loss record, for 5th place.

Playoffs began Tuesday, February 21 at 8:15 p.m. at the Barrie Curling Club. The top 2 teams - Parry Sound Insurance, and BMC Construction/A. McAfee & Assoc. Insurance - both have a bye.

#3 seed Dominion of Canada Insurance/Bunn-o-matic will play 10th seed, DM Printing; 4th seed Performance Curling Supplies/Freedom 55 Financial will meet 8th place Shot Rock Shop/Thor Motors; 5th seed Comco Petroleum/Dr. Chris Scheil Optometrist will play 8th place Wilds at Cedar Valley/Georgian College; and 6th place Danalogix will meet 7th place Aurora Auto Wholesalers.

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Deaths

WAGG, VIRNA (nee Crofts) - Passed away peacefully at the Extensicare, Haliburton, ON on Friday, February 10, 2012 at the age of 95. Beloved wife of the late Wallace Wagg (1962). Dear mother of Roger Wagg of Bradford and Linda (Tony) Salvatori of Haliburton. Loving grandmother to Sherron Vilars of Bradford, Alan Wagg, Adam Wagg, Josh Wagg, Tracy (Fausto) Mastroianni of Alcona, Sean Salvatori and Jay Salvatori. Great grandmother of Eric and Lisa Vilars, Ryan Wagg, Kayla and Marco Mastroianni. The funeral service was held at the Ingoldby United Church on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. Interment to be scheduled in the spring at the Ingoldby Pioneer Cemetery. Lovingly Remembered and Sadly Missed.



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History & Heritage

A grand old building



Bradford's Celery Kings played hockey at the "old arena" on John St. West - Bradford's first indoor ice rink. It was replaced by the "new" arena at 125 Simcoe Rd. Photo courtesy of Bill Marks.

by Bill Marks

Bradford's first arena was an outdoor ice surface located on John St. West. The site today is the large Town parking lot. Years later, a large wooden building was erected on the same site. The arena had natural ice and a sheet of curling ice on each side behind the hockey boards and below the seating areas. Seating was on each side, starting about 8 to 10' above the ice surface.

The dressing rooms were heated by pot-bellied stoves that used wood. Cleaning the ice was done by skating around with big shovels, and putting the snow in long runs. When finished, two or three rink rats pushed the snow to the south end of the arena, where 2 small trap doors, about 5 to 6 feet high, were opened and the snow was thrown outside. Two bigger doors set into the hockey boards could be opened, and snow from the curling area could be removed.

Two sets of stairs led upstairs to seating on the east and west sides. There was a large open area upstairs, at the north end - used as a viewing area for games. There were no seats, but it was the best place to watch the action. Early years saw this area used for entertainment.

My favourite viewing area was on the top step of the west stairs. No crowd, and you had a totally unobstructed view of the playing area.

I started my hockey playing days here. Over 60 years later, I still enjoy playing the great game of hockey.

Being a rink rat allowed you to help look after the ice, but most importantly, you got a lot of free hockey ice time!

The 1930s and '40s saw annual skating carnivals. Large crowds filled the arena to see hockey, and after the ice was gone, it was home to the great Bradford Lacrosse

teams.

During the early 1950s, the building began to decline due to age and lack of repairs. Bradford was in need of a new arena, and planning began. During the last year that the old arena was used, two memories remain with me to this day. The first was being bodychecked in a hockey game, and going out the door head-first onto the curling area. After climbing back out, I rejoined the game, to the laughter of my team mates.

The second was the final days of winter ice, when a small section of the south roof collapsed, and the building was coned. Being young and fearless, the rink rats played on. We played east-west, instead of north-south, and when the puck went down to the south, dangerous area, it was quickly retrieved and the game played on.

The last big event was using the arena for storing and sorting of clothing and articles collected for Hurricane Hazel Victims.

Curling moved to the newly built Co-op Storage building on Bridge St. and remained there until a new curling club was constructed on the present-day site. It was sad to see the old arena demolished, but everyone looked forward to the new arena.

Playing minor hockey in this era was totally different from today. Old hockey socks with holes, rubber jar rings used to hold shinpads - if you were lucky to have any; if not, you used old magazines. One-piece hockey sticks, used until they were worn. No helmets. Few had hockey gloves. Skates were passed down. Good blades were a luxury.

These were the good old times where you had to make your own fun. The John St. Arena - gone but never forgotten.

Whereas: During Heritage Week, Ontario communities are encouraged to reflect on the War of 1812 and other major conflicts in our history, and how they have shaped our culture and environment;

Therefore be it resolved: That Mayor Doug White and Council proclaim February 20 to 26 as Ontario Heritage Week in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Mysterious past, at the Museum

The Simcoe County Museum is one of the County's gems - a repository for the area's history and heritage, a museum dedicated to the preservation of the relics of pioneer life, filled with the artifacts that have been part of people's lives through the decades.

Forrest Patenaude started working at the Museum as a historical interpreter - bringing some of those artifacts to life. He's now the Museum's Director of Education.

One of his more memorable experiences involved dressing in the uniform of a World War I soldier, as part of a program to bring "Trench Life" to high school students. After the students dressed up, drilled, and spent the day in the trenches, "it really sinks in, what a big deal World War I was for our Country, and our country," Patenaude said.

He was the guest speaker at the February 18 meeting of the Innisfil Historical Society, sharing some of his experiences - and some of the Museum's key events,

from March Break Day Camps for kids, to an Artisans' Christmas, and A Night at the Museum.

For A Night at the Museum, the museum brings out some of its more arcane artifacts, and invites participants to guess their use. Guest curators present 2 alternative explanations for each item; visitors must decide which is true, for fun and prizes - but Patenaude warns, "They're pretty good at tying. They really sell it."

To demonstrate, he brought 4 "mystery items" to the meeting, at the Knock School House heritage site, and challenged the audience to decide: Was it a shoe shine kit, or a 1917 patent medical invention? An early car spring, or a body-building device? A wheel lock for a Model T Ford, to prevent early auto thefts, or a prisoner's gyle? A turn of the century baby bottle, or an opium pipe?

"You never know what it is. People tell you stories. You have to investigate," he said. "It's detective work."

Photo: Forrest Patenaude, left, challenges MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan to guess the use of an artifact.



Hear that lonesome whistle blow



From left, Stationmaster Dorf Roelofs, of the Nottawasaga Model RR Club invites Spencer, 5, and grandson Tom Wilson of Innisfil to take the controls of the club's layout, at the annual Barrie & Allandale Model Railroad Club's Show. The show, featuring scale models of trains new and old took place February 18 and 19 at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, on Hwy. 90 just outside of Barrie.

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